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## RECIPROCITY IS JAPAN'S NEW PLAN

Reciprocity in Land Ownership is Plan Proposed By Japan To United States.

### NEW TREATY IS ABANDONED.

Secretary Bryan Says Japanese Note of June 10 Reopening Controversy and American Reply Will Be Published.

Washington July 3.—The protest of Japan against the California alien land law, brought conspicuously before the public again by publication of correspondence between the Washington and Tokyo governments, was discussed with interest here in official and diplomatic circles. Secretary Bryan said the Japanese note of June 10 last, which reopened the subject, would be made public with the American reply within a few days.

It is known that Japan, abandoning the idea of negotiating a new treaty to guarantee the property rights of its citizens, has asked for a reply to its note of August 26 last, in which the United States was pressed to stop the "obnoxious discriminations" resulting from the California legislation.

"There is but one remedy," this note said, "and the imperial government is unable to escape the conclusion that the duty of applying that remedy devolves solely on the government of the United States."

One phase of the negotiations disclosed in the correspondence which attracted particular interest was said to suggest the possibility of an issue entirely new in the history of the United States. In italics in connection with the promise by the Japanese government to grant land ownership to Americans appeared the words "reserving for the future, however, the right of maintaining the condition of reciprocity with respect to the separate States."

This, it was pointed out, appeared to be a distinct reservation by the Japanese government of the right to retaliate directly on the Californians by singling them out among American citizens for exclusion from the right to possess real property in Japan.

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The man with an impediment in his speech seldom speaks well of anybody.

## Colonel Henry Watterson Attacks Concerning His Views On Feminism.

(BY GERTRUDE WELLS.)

Comes now Colonel Watterson of Kentucky and pronounces himself a feminist. He backs up his contention by a little story about the first time he arose as a champion of womanhood. It was back in 1876 at the convention that nominated Samuel J. Tilden for president. Phoebe Cousins, the first woman lawyer in this country, was desirous of being nominated to a high office. Immediately the convention was in an uproar. Some one rose to a point of order. Colonel Watterson, who was chairman, hammered with his gavel.

"There is no point of order where a woman is concerned," he shouted. "Which is proof positive that he is a feminist (?). Then he veers around and says some things like this:

"The worst of men have a chivalry toward women."

"For their own protection women are better out of politics. Politicians (men) are selfish and corrupt. Morally they are a sorry lot. I hate to think of women mixing in their selfish brawls." (See preceding remark.)

And lastly this gem: "I cannot help my conviction that the place for women is home." All these objections to the expediency of the franchise for women.

Let us take the last statement and put it through the third degree. It is a bugaboo which a great many chivalrous gentlemen drag out every time woman suffrage is mentioned, with that "There, you're completely squelched air."

I have often wished I could get within talking distance of some great celebrity like Theodore Roosevelt and others who talk for the press, and who never fail to reiterate that woman's place is home, and her duty the care of a brood of children. I would dearly love to ask them a question or two. In the first place, if woman's place is at home, and all the chivalrous gentlemen in the country agree to that, why don't they get together and see that every woman is kept in her home? Of course they may be confronted with the fact that one or two have no homes, and that some of the so-called homes are just squalid, dirty holes in the walls.

Any parrot can say, "Woman's place is at home. Woman's place is at home." But you cannot tell a parrot that there are 6,000,000 married women in this country working outside their homes. You can't tell a parrot that there are 1,750,000 child workers in the mills and mines of the country. You can't tell a parrot that an appalling

percentage of babies die every year of malnutrition.

But men are not parrots. They can talk. And we'll make them think this way. Every time a man bewails the declining birthrate and mutters "race suicide," etc., tell him about the children slaving in mills, the little tots who shuck oysters for five cents a big dish-pan, the youngsters who tie knots in plumes for a penny a hundred, the thousands of little babies who die every year because they don't get proper food, or enough food. If men had to go through the crucifixion of child birth and then face the thought of such a future for their children, they would not cry race suicide so readily.

No normal woman, or man for that matter, likes to stand twelve or fourteen hours a day in the sweltering heat over an ironing board and iron shirt bosoms at so much per. She does not go out of her home because she would rather work in the factory or the mill. Let us halt a little because we decry the woman who will not "stay at home." Let us do a little investigating on our own account and we'll find that it's a question of necessity every time that forces women out into the industrial field. You never met a woman who would rather bend over a machine in a factory all day than stay in a pleasant home and you never will.

If we can't make men stop poll-parrotting by calling their attention to a few facts, we shall have to come to the conclusion that they are not only aping the parrot's speech, but have also suffered a metamorphosis of the brain.

### INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.

Gov. Donaghey Of Arkansas Refutes Some Flimsy Objections.

The following letter from Gov. Donaghey, of Arkansas, to the Secretary of the People's Rule League, speaks in no uncertain tones in answer to some objections made to the operation of the Initiative and Referendum. Greatest among these "objections" is the negro question. That does not trouble the people of Arkansas, and it will not trouble the people of Mississippi. The people of Mississippi have handled the negro question satisfactorily for twenty years, and they will continue to handle it in the right way. The initiative and referendum will simply aid the white voters of Mississippi to control their own affairs, to get what laws they desire, and to make the politicians behave themselves. But read what Gov. Donaghey says:

GEORGE W. DONAGHEY,  
Little Rock, Ark.

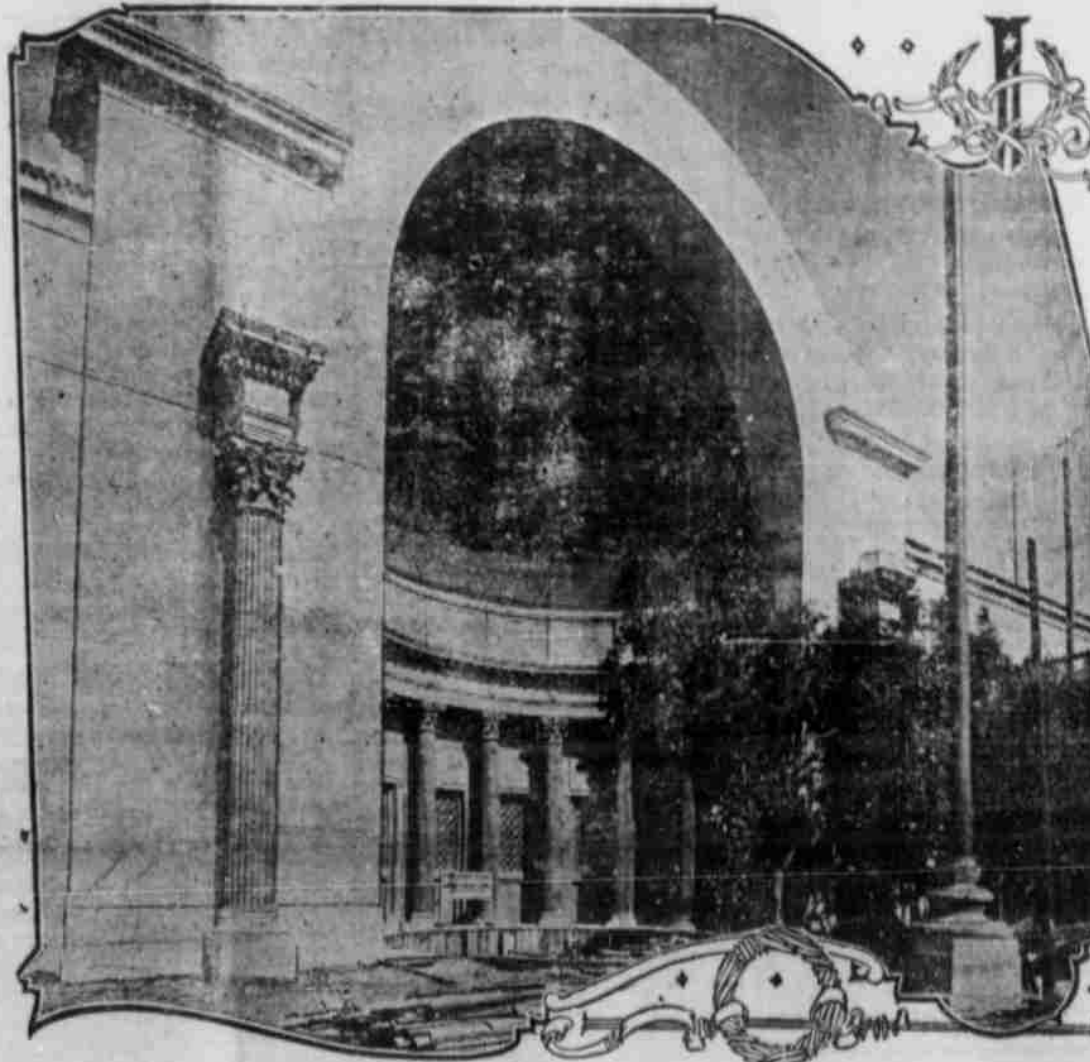
June 16, 1914.

Hon. N. A. Mott, Secretary,  
The People's Rule League,  
Yazoo City, Mississippi.

My Dear Mr. Mott:  
I have yours of recent date, informing me of your campaign for the adoption of the Initiative and Referendum in Mississippi and inquiring what arguments were brought against us, especially as to the negro question and as to whether the people of Arkansas are satisfied with having adopted the Initiative and Referendum.

During our campaign for the Initiative and Referendum in Arkansas in 1910, every conceivable argument

### VIEW OF A HALF-DOME IN THE WONDERFUL PALACE OF EDUCATION.



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This photograph shows a half-dome in the colossal Palace of Education at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco in 1915. The world's most noted artists, mural decorators and sculptors were engaged to decorate the exposition palaces and, as a result, the huge structures are indescribably beautiful. The interior of the dome is embellished with a superb mosaic of brilliant colors, designed under the supervision of Mr. Jules Guerin, the noted artist. The height to the top of the half-dome is 119 feet.

ment calculated to frighten the voters into rejecting these people's rule measures was brought against us by the reactionary few.

We were told that "legalized anarchy would follow its adoption; that there would be a 'French revolution'; that we would 'lapse into barbarism'; and as a crowning absurdity, we were warned that with the Initiative and Referendum 'the State would be controlled by negroes.' My answer to this tirade was, and is now, that this is a white man's country and white men will continue to govern it, and that what the predatory corporations, their lawyers and politicians feared was the white people's intelligence and not the negro's ignorance. Also that it was foolish to talk about anarchy unless a majority of the people were anarchists since nothing could be done to which a majority of the voters did not agree and that it was an insult to call the voters anarchists.

None of these dreadful prophecies have come to pass but the Initiative and Referendum have come to stay in Arkansas. The people are well satisfied with them and no politician who values his reputation dares oppose them. They have done good in Arkansas and have just begun their great career of usefulness. The closer you can bring a government to the people, the better that government will be. I sincerely trust that the people of Mississippi will not listen to the selfish few who desire to rule over them but will adopt the Initiative and Referendum so that they shall be able to rule themselves.

Very sincerely yours,  
(Signed) GEO. W. DONAGHEY.

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### CORN GROWERS ORGANIZE.

Formation Of Association During Round-up Is Planned.

An organization termed the Corn Growers' Association will be organized during the round-up this summer. Letters have been sent out to those seedmen handling seed corn, and another communication will be forwarded in a short time to seed growers. Letters from leading seed houses are coming in daily indicating a willingness to join in such a movement and expressing a belief that such an organization can accomplish great good.

Practically every other state in the union has a corn growers' association, and since Mississippi is so rapidly becoming one of the great corn-growing states she could certainly have a well organized association. At present \$20,000,000 is sent out of the State for corn. This should not be. The yield at present per acre of corn is twenty bushels. It should be much larger. A corn growers' association would rapidly bring the yield up and help keep the money at home that is now going out of the State.

It is believed that several hundred will be present at the first meeting ready to join in a State-wide movement for more and better corn.



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### Mississippi Always In Front.

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### President's Address on Fourth.

President Wilson in his 4th of July address at Philadelphia, as is his custom, struck right out from the shoulder and gave the "financiers" of this country something to think over when in speaking of the Regional Bank Law he said: "We set the best minds we could find to the test of discovering the best method of organization. We met with hardly anything but criticism from the bankers of this country, or at least from the majority of those who said anything. And yet just as soon as that act was passed on, the very next day there was an universal chorus of applause from the bankers of the United States. Now if it was wrong the day before it was passed, why was it right the day after it was passed?" "Aye, that is the question," and it is one that calls for an answer for such tergiversation on the part of the bankers of the United States, and it is not calculated to inspire one with confidence in their utterances or methods, for it means that they are either socially ignorant and lacking in discernment, or that their criticisms were for discreditable motives. President Wilson's question is a pertinent one and should be answered, though we dare say no answer will be forthcoming, as it may be as we once heard a gentleman remark, "we have plenty of bank clerks in this country but very few bankers."

### Cattle Rising in Mississippi.

Says the Madison Herald: "Probably no industry in the State has ever been given such a boost by the press as has that of cattle raising. A large proportion of our exchanges are calling attention to the fact that there are 'millions in it,' and some of them are so enthusiastic as to prophesy that 'King Cotton' will soon have to abdicate in favor of 'King Cattle.' All this sounds good and inspires the hope that the fine will again come when the butcher will do something more than take your money and let you smell his knife when you ask for a two-bit steak." The Grown in Mississippi game is a winner every day. If home people raise the cattle the prejudice to steak that costs two-bits a smell will largely disappear—be passed on to the elsewhere ultimate consumer.—Vicksburg Herald.

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